

**Family Outcomes Checklist**  
(Adapted from ISD PIP Program materials)  
**Indiana's Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program**

Family understands:

- ☐ the child's hearing loss
- ☐ the impact of hearing loss on language development
- ☐ the general ways that children acquire language
- ☐ the different communication opportunities available for language development

Family has strategies to:

- ☐ encourage spoken and/or signed language
- ☐ monitor the progress of their child's language development
- ☐ monitor if the chosen communication is appropriate

Family has awareness of:

- ☐ importance of early intervention
- ☐ early intervention programs in their community
- ☐ different technologies available to children with hearing loss

Family will be able to identify:

- ☐ their role on the intervention team
- ☐ family and community resources for support

Family will have the opportunity to:

- ☐ meet other families/community members
- ☐ visit programs offering various communication options
- ☐ participate in activities related to communication

Suggestions of Constructive Actions for Parents (adapted from Northern and Downs)

1. Seek assistance from parents of children with hearing loss
2. Talk openly with your significant other
3. Rely on positive sources for information
4. Take each day one at a time
5. Learn the "language" of hearing loss
6. Seek information
7. Don't let others intimidate you
8. Keep a positive attitude/avoid pity
9. Take care of yourself
10. Love your child